

Advisory Committee on Trees - September 24, 2019

Meeting called to order 7 PM.

Present: Charles Jackman (chair), Ethel Dutky (recorder), Robert Trumbule (member), Brian Townsend (staff liaison and Assistant Director Public Works and Parks).

August 27 minutes reviewed and approved with correction.

Old Business

1 – PEPCO tree removal plan.

Brian announced that Council has approved the plan for removal of trees identified by PEPCO as a threat to power lines. ACT and GHI reviewed this list by visiting each tree. In some cases alternatives to tree removal were suggested. Installation of replacement trees scheduled for this fall will be delayed until spring 2020.

New Business

1 – Fall Fest October 26 at Schrom Hills Park

ACT will do a walking tree tour with an illustrated guide prepared by Brian Townsend. The tour will start at 1 or 2 PM.

2 – Repairs to the dam at Buddy Attick Park.

Brian reported that repairs are underway at the lake. The water level has been lowered to allow work to proceed. One possible complication is the need for WSSC to divert water into the lake while replacement of a large (96”) water main near the American Legion parking area near Greenbelt Road (Rte 193) is being done. Some street trees will also be removed during this construction. Greenbelt Lake is technically classified as a storm water retention pond because it does not have a permanent source of water flow into it. This classification affects grants to assist in the dam repair.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Next meeting October 29, 2019 at 7 PM at Public Works.

Submitted by Ethel Dutky